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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. Of these claims, claims 7

and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for

the reasons stated in paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action. In view of the

preceding amendments, this rejection is traversed, and reconsideration of this

application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 8-14 have been allowed. Claims 7 and 15-20 would be

allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second

paragraph. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indication of allowable subject

matter.

By the above amendment, each of claims 7, 15 and 16 have been

amended to address the reasons for rejection under §112 on page 2. These

amendments only address informalities and do not go to the patentability of the

invention. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully requested that the §112,

second paragraph, rejection be withdrawn.

Also by the above amendments, the informalities identified in paragraph 6

of the Office Action have been addressed.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If the

Examiner believes that personal contact with Applicant's representative would expedite

prosecution of this application, he is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience.

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